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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--~~The invention provides a~~ A catheter, e.g. a urinary catheter, ~~comprising having~~ two parts joined in a fixed connection. One part is made for manipulation of the other part, which other part is made for insertion into the body. The catheter includes ~~comprises~~ a sleeve attached to the outer surface of one of the parts ~~and~~ which protects against bacterial contamination of the catheter and against smudging of the surroundings with lubricants, water or similar friction reducing ~~reduction~~ substances which may be pre-applied to the catheter to facilitate safe insertion.~~—The invention further provides a sleeve for the above mentioned catheter.~~--